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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1493

**Abstract:** Requires the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to submit reports detailing the transfer of the hospital's medical education and inpatient hospital care services to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center.

Proposed law shall apply to each step necessary to facilitate the closure of the Earl K. Long Medical Center and the transfer of its medical education and inpatient hospital care to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, including any contracts or agreements entered into by the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College beginning any time after March 19, 2010. The provisions of proposed law shall not apply to the renewal or extension of any contract in effect prior to March 19, 2010.

Proposed law provides that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as part of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center must provide a written, detailed overview and time line for the closure of Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital and the transfer of its medical education and inpatient hospital care to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center including the following:

- (1) A strategic rationale for the closure and transfer.
- (2) An overview of key transfer objectives and a broad transfer time line.
- (3) A detailed statement of the objectives, scope, and benefits of the transfer.
- (4) A performance measurement for the continuation of the quality of care of patients.

Proposed law requires the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to provide a written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. The report shall detail the results and costs associated with the medical education and inpatient hospital services that were transferred from the Earl K. Long Medical Center to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Results associated with these services shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) A comparison of actual patient outcomes for each service provided by Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center which was formerly provided by the Earl K. Long Medical Center.

- (2) A comparison of employment information for each hospital prior to and subsequent to the closure and transfer, including the number of employees terminated, the number subsequently rehired, the average compensation (wages, benefits, and retirement contributions) of employees prior to and subsequent to closure and transfer, a comparison of average compensation of employees terminated and subsequently rehired prior to and subsequent to the closure and transfer, and a comparison of the number of credentialed professionals by category, including but not limited to medical doctors, registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses.
- (3) A comparison of costs to the state of Louisiana to deliver the hospital services via the closure and transfer of services with the costs had Earl K. Long Medical Center delivered the same services, including but not limited to per diem costs per inpatient care. Such costs shall include capital costs whether or not such costs are reflected in the cooperative endeavor or elsewhere in the state budget.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.